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ON TAIWAN

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1. CONGRESSIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS HEARING ON TAIWAN WAS
VIRTUALLY A NON-EVENT HERE. GROC OFFICIAL REACTION TO OUR
PAROLING DISSIDENTS CHANG CHING-TSE AND WU MING-HUI WAS
NOT SEVERE--PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE SCANT PUBLICITY WHICH
THE HEARING GOT IN THE U.S. (SEE REF A)

2. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, MEDIA REPORTS OF THE HEARING
HERE WERE LIMITED TO A SINGLE, UNEXCEPTIONAL ARTICLE ON
EA/ROC LEVIN'S TESTIMONY WHICH APPEARED IN THE KAOHSIUNG
"TAIWAN SHISH PAO" ON JULY 4, AND TO WIDER PUBLICITY FOR PROF.
RICHARD YANG'S TESTIMONY. WE UNDERSTAND HOWEVER THAT
THE LIMITED CIRCULATION REPORT PUT OUT BY CNA FOR TOP
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GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DID CARRY THE GIST OF LEVIN'S
REMARKS AND THAT THE REACTION RANGED FROM "HE IS TRYING
TO BE FAIR" TO "HE IS FAIR".

3. ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT ATTRIBUTE ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR
TO THE HEARING, WE BELIEVE THAT IT HAS HAD THE EFFECT
OF DEMONSTRATING CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THE AREA OF

HUMAN RIGHTS --AT LEAST TO THE HIGHER LEVELS OF THE GROC--
AND THAT THIS WILL REINFORCE THE TENDENCY HERE TO CONTINUE TO MOVE
SLOWLY IN THE DIRECTION OF GREATER RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
WITH PARTICULAR AND IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO THE WAY IN WHICH
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES ARE PRESENTED TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
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